

Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group

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To: PNWCG Steering Committee

From: Mark Forbes, Chairperson

Subject: Identification of Washington Wildland-Urban Interface Communities

As a step in implementing the National Fire Plan, all federal wildland agencies and states have been asked to revise their lists of Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Communities by March 30, 2001. Guidance for completing this task establishes a six-step-process and requires that it be completed by interagency teams. The final revised lists are to be submitted through the State Forester, or equivalent state official. This guidance, including the six-step-process, is attached.

This memorandum and attached documents are intended to provide guidance for completing this task in Washington as agreed to during discussions, conference calls, and meetings between Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group (PNWCG) Steering Committee members or their representatives. The process in Oregon is very similar. However, it is being handled in a slightly different manner and is already underway.

In order to assist Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in fulfilling their requirements for revising the list of WUI Communities, we are requesting that each field office in Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and US Fish and Wildlife Service please review the current list of WUI Communities identified in the Federal Register Notice at http://www.nifc.gov/fireplan/index.htm. If you know of a WUI community that is not listed, please contact Mark Gray, WDNR at (360) 902-1754, and furnish the name of the community. We also request that if you have a list of known wildland-urban interface projects for FY 2002 and 2003, please submit this information by email using the attached template to Mark Gray at mark.gray@wadnr.gov, with a copy to the appropriate

PNWCG Steering Committee member. Please provide the community names and lists of known projects by March 23 in order to meet the established deadline PNWCG Steering Committee members should be prepared to respond to all questions concerning this request so the short time schedule can be met.

/s/Terry L. Hueth (for) MARK FORBES Chairperson

2 Attachments

- 1 Memo from Laverty, Hartzell, Hubbard (3 pp)
- 2 -Template for reporting WUI projects (3 pp)